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Editorial Notes.

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We surrender a large portion of this impression to the favors of our contributors—and call attention, to the value, variety and interesting character of their articles. We have also a large number of communications to appear, and trust correspondents will have patience even if they do not see their contributions in type at once—delay in this matter being no evidence of rejection. As we use up a great quantity of copy in each number of the FARMER, we trust our friends and correspondents will not cease to forward us their views upon all matters coming within range of their experience and the scope of our journal.

People who must leave Maine—of course we advise everybody to remain here, and, remaining here, try and make themselves somebody, and help make the State something—will naturally look over our advertising department to find the inducements held out by other localities. So far as we are possessed of information, we believe the facts stated about Oregon, in the advertisement of the "Oregon State Board of Immigration," to be correct, and those who think of changing their location the present spring would do well to send to the agent of the above Company, as per advertisement, for additional information.

A correspondent informs us that a statement in the Agriculture of Maine for 1874, page 267, is incorrect, and liable to do injustice to an enterprising Maine breeder. It is there stated that the herd of Jerseys belonging to Mr. George B. Sampson of Bowdoinham, had not been kept up in recent years—but this is an error—as his herd is now larger than ever, and the animals composing it are of higher value and better quality. He also has a thoroughbred Jersey bull imported by Mr. Adams of Watertown, Mass., who has the largest herd of Jerseys in the country. The above erroneous statement was probably founded upon the fact that a gentleman of the name of Sampson, who formerly lived in Bowdoinham, and was a native breeder, removed some years since to California, and was in the statement spoken of as "George Sampson." We are glad to make this correction, and to be informed that at least one enterprising farmer and breeder is bound to stick to Maine.

We are indebted to Capt. Benj. Atwood of Winthrop, for a generous slice of cheese from the Winthrop factory—the quality of the same being superior to that of most factory cheese which we find at the markets in this city.

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Collectors' Notices.

Mr. G. S. ATTER is now calling upon our subscribers in Lincoln county.

Mr. J. P. CLARK will call upon subscribers in Nova Scotia during the month of February.

Mr. S. N. TAPER will call upon our subscribers in East Kentville during the present month.

Particular Notice.

In accordance with the notice previously given, we have placed the names of subscribers to the Farmer who still continue in arms for a series of years, in the hands of DANIEL C. ROBINSON, Esq., Attorney-at-Law, of this city, for collection; and legal notifications will soon be served upon them by him. Being still desirous, however, of saving our delinquent subscribers unnecessary cost and trouble, we have made arrangements to receive payment from them at this office, or through our agents, upon terms heretofore offered, at any time before legal demand has been actually made upon them by Mr. Robinson. Upon being served with such demand, they can only set themselves free. Our delinquent subscribers will please take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Secretary Belknap.

Among the numerous disclosures of official unfaithfulness and mismanagement which the newspaper has been called upon to record during the past three years, none has fallen with more startling effect upon the community than the revelations contained in Washington advice of the past week, of corruption in the administration of the affairs of the War Department. The committee of Congress have been engaged for several weeks in investigating the affairs of this department, and during their examination, vague hints of mismanagement have, from time to time, been thrown out, but none outside of the committee ever dreamed of such a corrupt state of things as has now been disclosed.

Secretary Belknap was appointed to succeed General Rawlins in the war office, in 1869, and though his appointment was somewhat of a surprise to the country, he has gained steadily in public confidence, until no Cabinet officer stood better before the country than he. It is true that the nature of his official duties, in time of peace, is such as to bring him less into general notice, but he shared the general good reputation of army officers, which has been so often spoken of in connection with proposals to transfer the Indian Bureau to the War Department.

The House Committee on the expenditures of the War Department, a majority of whom, of course, are democrats, has scrutinized the affairs of the department very closely, as was their duty, and they recently struck upon a line of investigation which, when followed up, showed it to be indeed a "witzed sepulture, outwardly fair but full of corruption within." A witness was found who swore that he had purchased a partnership or trading post on the frontier for which he had paid the Secretary's first wife a sum equivalent to many thousands of dollars on receiving the appointment, and that she received from three to six thousand dollars since that time, the money having frequently been paid to the Secretary himself. Secretary Belknap was summoned before the committee, and such was the array of testimony against him, that he could do nothing but confess that the charges were true. For a statement of the testimony of Dr. Marsh of New York, with reference to the Fort Sill sulliher, we refer the reader to the congressional proceedings in another column.

General Wm. Belknap was born in Newburg, N. Y., Sept. 22, 1820. He graduated from the New Jersey College at Princeton in 1843, and his brother, the present Secretary of the Navy, and Hon. Helmut Clymer of Pennsylvania, who is chairman of the committee which is investigating the affairs of his late department. He studied the legal profession and settled in the practice at Keokuk, Iowa. In the late war he entered the army as Major of the Fifteenth Iowa Infantry, commanded by Colonel (afterward General) Hugh T. Reid, served with his regiment in the Army of the Tennessee, rising through the various grades, and participating in the battle of Shiloh, siege of Corinth, campaign and siege of Vicksburg, campaign and siege of Atlanta, and battles of Atlanta, July 21, 22 and 23. After the capture of that place he marched with Sherman to the sea, and finally to Washington, taking a part in all the actions of these brilliant campaigns. He was promoted to the rank of Brigadier-General for special gallantry in the memorable battle of July 22, near Atlanta, in which his regiment fought from either side of the line of breastworks. He was breveted Major-General on the 13th of March, and at the date of his muster-out, on the 23rd of August, 1865, was regarded by General Sherman and his companions as one of the most accomplished and promising officers of the army.

After his muster-out at the close of the war, he retired to private life, but soon made another ascent of internal revenue. It is said that he first attracted the attention of President Grant by a speech delivered at a military banquet at the home of the chief of the Tennessee. He was then unknown outside of a small circle, and his appointment to the responsible position of War Minister, excited no little comment. When he came to Washington he was poor. He was thrice married, and his second wife was an invalid, and died two or three years after. Two years ago he married the sister of his second wife, who was a widow, and was a native of Kentucky. After his third marriage, the Secretary rented an elegant house in Washington, built by Gen. Babcock, and has since lived in great style. His wife is handsome, intelligent and fond of company. It is said that she purchased her dresses directly from Worth's in Paris, and was among the finest dressed ladies at the National Capitol.

Such is a brief outline sketch of one who has wickedly betrayed the confidence of the President, who took him from comparative obscurity, and gave him a conspicuous and highly honorable position among the magnates of the nation; of one who by the prostitution of his official position to base ends, has disgraced the nation in its own eyes, and in the eyes of the whole civilized world. The train of circumstances which contributed to his fall cannot be detailed in palliation of his crimes. He did wrong with his eyes open and with a full consciousness of the magnitude of his misdeeds, and the high position which he occupied but adds to the enormity of his offence. His meritorious record in the late war, while no subsequent recompence can wholly obliterate it, cannot excuse him between him and the punishment which his crimes call for. The horrors with which he has suffered upon the "ragged edge," while the investigation has been in progress, have been followed by in-

peachment, and will result in disqualification from ever holding any place of trust under the Government, and then it will remain for the culprit to answer to the criminal laws which he has so wantonly violated.

More recent developments indicate the late Secretary not only in selling the supplies of several frontier trading posts, but also of fraud in assigning the contract for placing headstones at the soldiers' graves, whereby he pocketed nearly a hundred thousand dollars.

CITY NEWS AND GOSPEL. The First Baptist church of this town has made a contrast with George H. Ryler & Co., of Boston, for an organ to cost \$2500. "Ten Nights in a Bar Room," is to be put upon the stage at Granite Hall, Friday evening, by a Dramatic Company from Boston.—The merchants of Augusta, are opposed to a repeal of the Bankrupt Law.—There was a good attendance at the prize declamation of the High School, Thursday evening. The prize for young ladies was awarded to Lottie E. Morrill, and for young gentlemen to Fred H. Rowse.—James O'Neill, William Holden, Michael Kelley and Alex Parquette, alias "Pocke," in default of cash to pay fines and cost, were sent to jail by Judge True, Thursday.—Mr. J. F. Bartlett of this city, is to enter the Theological Department of Bates College, to study for the ministry.—The Ladies' Centennial Committee thanks the public, for generous patronage at the tea party. The total amount realized was nearly \$600.—The City Marshal seized liquor in transit from Hallowell to Augusta, Friday. The stuff belonged to C. Getchell, whose place of business is on Water street.—The average number of patients at the Insane Hospital is 400.—The warm weather of this week has carried off much of the snow, and weakened the ice in the river.—Several persons were baptized and taken into the Methodist church, Sunday.—There is a report that the Augususta shoe factory is to be re-opened; we hope it may prove true.—Gov. Connor has designated President Chamberlain of Bowdoin College, as centennial orator for Maine, at Philadelphia.—The Franklin Land and Lumber Company of Boston, has leased for one year, the large saw mill belonging to the Sprague Company, at the east end of the dam this city. It is expected that the mill will be operated to its full extent the coming season.—The store in Granite block occupied by Dunning & Lombard as a grocery, and formerly owned by W. K. Lancey, was sold Monday to B. F. Parrott of the firm of Parrott & Chase, for \$9000 cash.—An extensive sale by auction, of railroad stock was made in this city, on Saturday last. Ten hundred and thirteen shares of the stock of the Missouri River & Iowa Railroad Company were sold—Gov. Baldwin of Detroit, Michigan, being the purchaser. The common stock brought \$5 cents, and the preferred stock 72 1/2 cents. The stock was the property of the estate of the late Chas. A. Lambard, and had been pledged as collateral security. Probably this is the largest sale of railroad stock ever made in this city, at one time.—The Ladies' Centennial Committee have a meeting with Mrs. Davis on State street, this (Thursday) afternoon.—Mrs. Cochran has moved her millinery shop to the store recently occupied by J. H. Clapp.

The death of John H. Hartford, Esq., which took place at his late residence on Oak street, at five o'clock, Wednesday morning, removed one of Augusta's best and most respected citizens. Mr. Hartford was born here, and has always lived here, and while we are not aware that he ever had an enemy, his best friends were those who were most acquainted with him. For many years and at the time of the firm of Hartford & Sons, he was above mediocrity. He was a ready writer, and had a rare and happy faculty of expressing his ideas in off-hand speeches, and as a neighbor kind and obliging, and as a friend faithful and true. His death is a public loss, and leaves a deep void in the hearts of his friends. He leaves a widow and adopted daughter, who is a widow. Mr. Hartford had hopes of his ultimate recovery, and his friends and his physician and friends were anxious for his recovery. A witness was found who swore that he had purchased a partnership or trading post on the frontier for which he had paid the Secretary's first wife a sum equivalent to many thousands of dollars on receiving the appointment, and that she received from three to six thousand dollars since that time, the money having frequently been paid to the Secretary himself. Secretary Belknap was summoned before the committee, and such was the array of testimony against him, that he could do nothing but confess that the charges were true. For a statement of the testimony of Dr. Marsh of New York, with reference to the Fort Sill sulliher, we refer the reader to the congressional proceedings in another column.

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CITY NEWS AND GOSPEL. The First Baptist church of this town has made a contrast with George H. Ryler & Co., of Boston, for an organ to cost \$2500. "Ten Nights in a Bar Room," is to be put upon the stage at Granite Hall, Friday evening, by a Dramatic Company from Boston.—The merchants of Augusta, are opposed to a repeal of the Bankrupt Law.—There was a good attendance at the prize declamation of the High School, Thursday evening. The prize for young ladies was awarded to Lottie E. Morrill, and for young gentlemen to Fred H. Rowse.—James O'Neill, William Holden, Michael Kelley and Alex Parquette, alias "Pocke," in default of cash to pay fines and cost, were sent to jail by Judge True, Thursday.—Mr. J. F. Bartlett of this city, is to enter the Theological Department of Bates College, to study for the ministry.—The Ladies' Centennial Committee thanks the public, for generous patronage at the tea party. The total amount realized was nearly \$600.—The City Marshal seized liquor in transit from Hallowell to Augusta, Friday. The stuff belonged to C. Getchell, whose place of business is on Water street.—The average number of patients at the Insane Hospital is 400.—The warm weather of this week has carried off much of the snow, and weakened the ice in the river.—Several persons were baptized and taken into the Methodist church, Sunday.—There is a report that the Augususta shoe factory is to be re-opened; we hope it may prove true.—Gov. Connor has designated President Chamberlain of Bowdoin College, as centennial orator for Maine, at Philadelphia.—The Franklin Land and Lumber Company of Boston, has leased for one year, the large saw mill belonging to the Sprague Company, at the east end of the dam this city. It is expected that the mill will be operated to its full extent the coming season.—The store in Granite block occupied by Dunning & Lombard as a grocery, and formerly owned by W. K. Lancey, was sold Monday to B. F. Parrott of the firm of Parrott & Chase, for \$9000 cash.—An extensive sale by auction, of railroad stock was made in this city, on Saturday last. Ten hundred and thirteen shares of the stock of the Missouri River & Iowa Railroad Company were sold—Gov. Baldwin of Detroit, Michigan, being the purchaser. The common stock brought \$5 cents, and the preferred stock 72 1/2 cents. The stock was the property of the estate of the late Chas. A. Lambard, and had been pledged as collateral security. Probably this is the largest sale of railroad stock ever made in this city, at one time.—The Ladies' Centennial Committee have a meeting with Mrs. Davis on State street, this (Thursday) afternoon.—Mrs. Cochran has moved her millinery shop to the store recently occupied by J. H. Clapp.

The death of John H. Hartford, Esq., which took place at his late residence on Oak street, at five o'clock, Wednesday morning, removed one of Augusta's best and most respected citizens. Mr. Hartford was born here, and has always lived here, and while we are not aware that he ever had an enemy, his best friends were those who were most acquainted with him. For many years and at the time of the firm of Hartford & Sons, he was above mediocrity. He was a ready writer, and had a rare and happy faculty of expressing his ideas in off-hand speeches, and as a neighbor kind and obliging, and as a friend faithful and true. His death is a public loss, and leaves a deep void in the hearts of his friends. He leaves a widow and adopted daughter, who is a widow. Mr. Hartford had hopes of his ultimate recovery, and his friends and his physician and friends were anxious for his recovery. A witness was found who swore that he had purchased a partnership or trading post on the frontier for which he had paid the Secretary's first wife a sum equivalent to many thousands of dollars since that time, the money having frequently been paid to the Secretary himself. Secretary Belknap was summoned before the committee, and such was the array of testimony against him, that he could do nothing but confess that the charges were true. For a statement of the testimony of Dr. Marsh of New York, with reference to the Fort Sill sulliher, we refer the reader to the congressional proceedings in another column.

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KENNEBEC COUNTY ITEMS. A grand temperance rally was held at Johnson Hall, Gardner, Sunday, under the auspices of the reform club. A large audience was in attendance, every seat being occupied, while aisles and space under the galleries were literally packed. The speakers were Messrs. W. A. Langley of Bangor, Edward Howe of Norway, Dr. Adams of Litchfield, T. F. Murphy of Augusta, Goodwin, Portland, and Gardner. After the sentiments had exhausted their eloquence, Mrs. Partington gave some cheering words to the boys gathered there to keep the pledges which they had taken.—Ten per cent reduction has been made in the wages of the employees in the cotton mill at Hallowell.—Enoch S. Burgess of Winstrop, was taken the twenty-ninth day of Feb., on a charge of malicious injury to buildings of the Woodstock Woolen Company. He was tried fire, to determine if he could be convicted of arson. The jury found him guilty, and he was sentenced to prison for one year.

PROGRESS OF PROHIBITION. The retiring Attorney General Hon. H. M. Plaisted gives the following statements showing the enforcement of the Prohibition Liquor Law in several of the counties in the State:

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